The Gift of Kindness

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Baba and Mansoor sat together on the veranda, enjoying the cool evening breeze.

Mansoor: Baba, today at school, my friend Ahmed brought a big box of chocolates. But he only shared them with a few friends. I really wanted one, but I didn't ask.

Baba: That must have made you feel left out, my dear. What did you do?

Mansoor: I just sat quietly. But later, when I had my favorite biscuits, I thought, "Should I share them with Ahmed?" And I wasn't sure…

Baba smiled and gently patted Mansoor's head.

Baba: Mansoor, do you know what our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ taught us? He said, "None of you will have faith till he wishes for his (Muslim) brother what he likes for himself." (Sahih Bukhari, Hadith #13)

Mansoor: What does that mean, Baba?

Baba: It means that if we love something for ourselves, we should also wish the same for others. Just like you wanted Ahmed's chocolate, wouldn't it be nice if he also wanted you to have a treat?

Mansoor thought for a moment.

Mansoor: So… if I love my biscuits, I should want Ahmed to enjoy them too?

Baba: Exactly, my son. True faith means we care about others as much as we care about ourselves. Imagine if everyone shared happiness like that. Wouldn't the world be a kinder place?

Mansoor smiled and nodded.

Mansoor: Then tomorrow, I'll share my biscuits with Ahmed and my other friends too!

Baba: That's the spirit, beta! When we share, we spread love, and Allah rewards us for our kindness.